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STORM PLAYING HAVOC ALONG ATLANTIC COAST

DAMAGE AMOUNTING TO HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS HAS BEEN DONE

STOCK DROWNED CROPS DESTROYED

Houses Smashed, Boats Wrecked, Villages Flooded, Summer Resorts Devastated and Shipping Paralyzed.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Huge seas, backed by a mighty tide and a howling northeast gale, battered the New York coasts today, smashing houses, wrecking boats, flooding villages, devastating summer resorts and forcing steamers to remain outside Sandy Hook and fight the storm.

At Sandy Hook the wind attained a velocity of 66 miles an hour, driving in a record breaking tide and making it impossible for pilots to board incoming vessels. In New York harbor the tide was the highest in 18 years and the waves drove New Jersey ferry boats to cover and strewed the Staten Island shore with the wrecks of scores of small craft.

The worst damage in the vicinity was suffered at Coney Island, where the loss within the past 24 hours is estimated at \$200,000.

Two or three fine houses at Sea Oats were wrecked, despite the flight of a small army of workmen to build defenses with hundreds of sandbags. Fifteen buildings along Coney Island had been damaged tonight, including big bathing pavilions and summer cottages.

At Brighton Beach the boardwalk was demolished and much of the stone breakwater was torn away. The waves surged around the Brighton Beach hotel and wrecked several small buildings, although the hotel itself escaped serious damage.

Waves broke more than 25 feet over the high tide line at Rockaway Beach, causing heavy damage to bungalows, baths and boardwalks. At Seaside eight bungalows and 20 feet of boardwalk were carried away. Two hotels at Arden were damaged and several families were driven from their homes.

Point Ledge at Long Beach was partly washed away and the wind was blowing 50 miles an hour tonight. At Riverhead families had been driven to the upper floors and a number of small buildings had been washed away.

On the Jersey side heavy rains and high winds continued tonight. At Sandy Hook enormous seas were breaking and part of the government bridge between Highlands Beach and Hook had been torn away. Outside the hook the Russian liner Dvinsk lay anchored. The steamer St. Louis from Savannah was 15 miles off Scotland lights and had suffered deck damage and smashed windows. The steamer Tenth was off Clayton, Del., 50 miles southwest of the lights. The Francisco, of the Wilson line, and other vessels also lay out on the rollers of the Atlantic not daring to try to reach port.

For hours ships commuted between New York and New Jersey had to travel through Hudson river tubes as the ferries could not make their trips. At traffic arriving in Jersey City was shifted to the tubes, and even to reach the tube entrance it was necessary to walk through an inch of water. At Harrison and at East Newark scores of houses and factories were flooded.

New York Bay and harbor were practically cleared of all craft by the gale. One fire boat was sunk at her pier. On the New Jersey shore the big waiting room of the Lackawanna terminal was flooded and nearly all ferries discontinued.

Along the coast of New England the gale was especially violent. At Point Judith, R. I., a small schooner was torn from her anchorage and thrown on the breakwater.

Life savers seeking to rescue the crew of a six-masted schooner which struck Tucker's Shoal on Saturday have been unable to launch their boats.

At the Erie railroad terminal in Jersey City the waters of the Hudson swept through the ferry house and out to the railroad tracks.

Seaboard Resort Almost Destroyed.
REHOBOTH, Del., Dec. 7.—The northeast storm had almost destroyed this seaside resort. The boardwalk was carried away with all pavilions. Every trace of Art Avenue, a thoroughfare that paralleled the ocean, is gone. It was cut away by mountainous waves that swept over piling built to protect it. The electric

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CONGRESS MEETS AFTER A RECESS

OPENING SESSIONS WERE MARKED WITH SPIRIT OF GOOD NATURE

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TODAY

Message Will Be Delivered Personally by President Before Joint Session of House.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Congress reconvened today after the fall recess. After the introduction of bills and resolutions and passage of formal measures incident to the opening of a new session both houses adjourned to await the delivery tomorrow of the president's annual message.

While members discussed informally the legislative program, no definite plans were made for party conferences. These will not be considered until the president has been heard from. The message will be delivered personally by President Wilson before a joint session in the house chamber at 12:30 o'clock.

Senator Kern and Representative Underwood, the majority floor leaders, conferred tonight with the president at the White House. Mr. Wilson sent for them and met them separately, reading to them his message, and discussing legislation he desired to be considered in addition to appropriation measures, which will take up much of the time of the short session.

"There is nothing the president has in mind," said Representative Underwood, "with which I am not in accord, and I see no reason why the program he will suggest should not be carried out before adjournment. If there is one thing that every Democratic member of the house—and I believe it applies to the senate as well—has in his mind set against, it is an extra session next year. I do not believe there will be any."

Discussing the legislative program, Mr. Underwood declared that there would be a vote on the Hobson resolution for submission to the States of a constitutional amendment for national prohibition.

According to both majority leaders, appropriation bills will be rushed. Conservation legislation, the ship purchase bill and the house Philippine independence bill are first on the program of general legislation. Senator Kern asserted that there would be not much opposition.

The opening sessions in house and senate were marked with a spirit of good nature, despite the recent campaign which resulted in great Republican gains in the house and eight Democratic gains in the senate for the next congress. Members who will retire March 4 were on hand.

Speaker Clark gave a rousing ovation by Democrats and Republicans. Vice President Marshall was greeted by Italy and after the invocation permitted senators to hold an informal reception for several minutes before he formally declared the senate in session.

Committee from both houses were sent to the White House to notify the president that congress was in session awaiting his pleasure.

The house named Representatives Underwood, Fitzgerald and Mann to wait upon the president with Senators Gallinger and Kern.

Then, after resolutions of sympathy on the death of Representative E. A. Merritt, of New York, were adopted, the house adjourned at 1:00 p. m. until noon tomorrow.

Senator-elect Thomas W. Hardwick, of Georgia, took his oath of office in the senate today. He was escorted to the vice president's desk by his colleague, Senator Smith.

Confessed to Murder.
SACRAMENTO, Calif., Dec. 7.—David Fountain, janitor of the German Lutheran church here, confessed tonight he assaulted and murdered 10-year-old Margaret Milling in the basement of the church last Saturday afternoon.

\$3,000 Die of Starvation.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Dire need of food among the people of Albania and Palestine was reported by Ambassador Morpenti to the State Department today. In these countries, the report said, more than 300,000 people are facing famine and 50,000 have already died of starvation.

America Wholly Unprepared for War, Say Wotherspoon and Wood.



MAJOR GENERAL WILLIAM W. WOTHERSPOON. MAJOR GENERAL LEONARD WOOD.

That the United States is wholly unprepared for war, and, in fact has not more than one-tenth the number of soldiers needed for the regular army in case of war, is the contention of Major General Leonard A. Wood, former chief of the general staff, and now commander of the department of the East, and W. W. Wotherspoon, present chief of the general staff. General Wood says a foreign enemy could land troops in the United States somewhere between Boston and the Chesapeake Bay, if the navy could not hold them off. General Wood's statement was made in an interview, while the position of General Wotherspoon is contained in his annual report. He goes considerably farther than did Representative Gardner of Massachusetts in his recent speech in the House. The chief of staff says the United States has only 49,963 men and 2,738 officers fit for fighting.

GERMANS OCCUPY LODZ AFTER HARD FIGHTING

CONSIDERED A REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT IN VIEW OF THE MANNER IN WHICH THE GERMAN LINES ONLY A SHORT TIME AGO WERE THREATENED BY THE RUSSIANS

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Dec. 7.—After a long battle fought with the greatest stubbornness, the Germans have succeeded in occupying Lodz, Poland, an unfortified city. According to the Berlin report the Russians suffered severe losses and are in retreat.

This success of the Germans, largely because of what preceded it, is considered a remarkable achievement. Less than a fortnight ago the army was surrounded by Russians and cut its way out only at the last moment, losing great numbers of men and many guns. Yet it was able quickly to reorganize, take the offensive and defeat the Russians defending Lodz.

This was made possible by the network of strategic railways on the German side of the frontier, over which reinforcements can be sent where they are most needed. The Russians, on the other hand, were unable to send fresh men to stiffen their center to meet the German wedge and were compelled to fall back.

There undoubtedly will be much more fighting before the campaign in this vicinity is concluded. The whole Russian line is now straightened out and will contest every foot of ground with the invaders.

In the meantime, taking advantage of the preoccupation of the Germans in the east, the allied French, Belgian and British forces have begun an offensive movement in the west. They are now virtually in possession

America's Charity a Ray of Sunlight In The Darkest Hour of Belgium's History

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Messages of gratitude to American women from Elizabeth, Queen of Belgium, and the Duchess of Vendome, sister of King Albert of Belgium, written at the headquarters of the Belgian army on the firing line, were received here today by the women's section of the American Commission for Relief in Belgium. I wish to extend to the women of America the deep gratitude of the women of Belgium for the work they are doing for my people. The food which your country is daily providing to our women and children comes like a ray of sunlight in the darkest hour of Belgium's history. The Belgian women have fought a brave fight and are still fighting for the common cause of human liberty so dear to every American woman's heart.

(SIGNED) "ELIZABETH."

SENSATIONAL KILLING OCCURS AT PENDLETON

SUPREME COURT REFUSES WRIT

ENDS ATTEMPTS TO SAVE FRANK'S LIFE BY ITS INTERVENTION

FRANK RECEIVED NEWS CALMLY

Efforts Will Be Made to Procure Pardon or Commutation of Sentence From Governor.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The supreme court today refused to issue a writ to review Leo M. Frank's conviction of the murder of Mary Phagan, an Atlanta factory girl.

The court's action ends attempts to save Frank's life by its intervention. Attorneys for Frank first sought the writ for review in an application to Justice Lamar. He denied the application. The effort was renewed by application to Justice Holmes, who likewise denied the writ.

After the court's announcement today, Henry Alexander representing Frank, conferred by telephone with Louis Marshall, of counsel, then announced he would take no further steps in Washington for the present. Efforts will be made now, it is said, to procure a pardon or commutation of sentence from Georgia officials.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 7.—Refusal of the supreme court of the United States to grant a writ of error for review of the case of Leo M. Frank resulted in an announcement from Solicitor General Hugh M. Dorey here that immediate steps would be taken to have a new date set for Frank's execution for the murder of 14-year-old Mary Phagan.

The solicitor general plans to appear before Superior Judge Benjamin H. Hill next Wednesday and ask the court for a writ directing that Frank be produced for re-sentence. Judge Hill is then expected to set the time for bringing the prisoner into court.

Lawyers here familiar with the case said tonight that they knew of no further legal efforts that could be made to save the prisoner's life, outside of an appeal for clemency to Governor Slaton, of Georgia, and the State prison commission. The governor may, if he sees fit, grant a respite, pending consideration of the case by the prison commission. The recommendation of the latter is subject to whatever action the governor may care to take.

Frank was conversing with his father when news of the supreme court's decision was brought to him in his cell. He received the announcement calmly and said: "I had thought the supreme court would give me a chance."

Gov. Blease May Be Partner in Law Office Which Will Be Opened Here.

It is probable that a law office will be opened in Anderson in the near future in which Governor Blease will be a partner with C. C. Wyche and M. C. Foster, of Spartanburg.

Mr. Wyche, who was the Blease leader in the house of representatives, and Mr. Foster were in Anderson Sunday for the purpose of looking into the situation. Neither had any statement to make other than that Mr. Wyche might move to Anderson in the event the office is opened. It is understood that a similar office would be opened in Spartanburg, and that Mr. Foster would be in charge there. The Governor, it is stated, will probably remain in Columbia and visit Anderson and Spartanburg offices when his services were needed. They will make a specialty of criminal cases.

As generally known, the Governor has announced already that he will open an office for the practice of law in Columbia when his term expires in January.

Woodcraft.
You can make fire by rubbing two pieces of dry wood together, but it is not believed that this method will ever supersede the plan of rubbing a match against a piece of sandpaper.

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CHIEF OF POLICE WHITLOCK FATALLY SHOTS FORMER STATE DETECTIVE C. W. ROBERTSON

WHITLOCK DENIES KNOWLEDGE OF IT

Says Someone Struck Him in Head With Axe Handle and He Drew His Pistol and Opened Fire.

Charles W. Robertson, formerly a State detective under Governor Blease, was shot and instantly killed late yesterday afternoon at Pendleton by Chief of Police S. H. Whitlock of that place. Causes underlying the tragedy were not revealed last night, and it was authoritatively stated, if these are not shown today at the inquest it is probable that the trial of the case will bring to light some interesting details.

Whitlock was brought to Anderson last night by Sheriff Ashley and lodged in the county jail. Interviewed upon his arrival by a representative of The Intelligencer, he stated that he knew nothing as to events immediately preceding the killing, and did not know that he had shot Robertson until advised so by the physicians, who dressed severe wounds which had been inflicted on his head with a bludgeon of some description. "I was standing in Campbell's store," said Whitlock, "when someone approached me from behind and struck me a terrific blow in the back of the head with an axe handle. I do not remember being hit on anyone; and did not know what had taken place until I was told by Doctors Watkins and Day, who dressed my wounds."

Several questions were put to the prisoner by The Intelligencer reporter, but all that could be ascertained from him was that he knew nothing what had happened. When asked if he had seen Robertson at any time during the day previous to the difficulty in the store, Whitlock replied that he didn't know, that he might have seen him for all he knew. Sheriff Ashley had so little time to investigate the case, but returned immediately upon the first train with the prisoner. It is understood that a jury of inquest was impelled last night for the purpose of viewing the body in order that it might be removed to the home. The coroner will go up to Pendleton this morning and conduct the usual investigation.

It was learned from reliable sources that Whitlock and Robertson had not seen on the best of terms for some time, and it is thought that had blood been probably at the bottom of the tragedy.

As to circumstances leading up to the killing, however, nothing could be learned. A stated, the sheriff did not have time to make an investigation of the affair; and a telephone communication with Pendleton last night could not be had.

Up until something like a year ago, it is stated, Robertson held a commission as a State detective under Governor Blease. For some time he worked at Chesterfield with Sheriff D. P. Douglas. Since the election of Mr. Manning as governor, it is understood, Robertson had been seeking re-appointment. The dead man was some 40 years of age and was born in the Home Path section of the county. He had one brother, Lawton Robertson, in Abbeville county, another brother, Frank Robertson, in Jasper county, and a sister, Mrs. S. H. Robertson, chief of police at Bolton, in a recent of this city, being proprietor of the Gretchen Inn, on South Main street. Robertson was at one time chief of police at Pendleton and had been making his home there for a number of years. He is said to have been exceptionally popular in his community.

S. H. Whitlock stated last night that he had been chief of police at Pendleton for 11 years. That he had been dealt a terrific blow in the head with a club or stick, was evident from the spectacle which he presented when brought to the county jail last night. His entire head was encased in heavy bandages and his face and shirt drenched with blood. He exhibited several severe bruises on his left arm, which appeared to be so sore that he could not bear touching it.

Though direct information relative to the homicide could not be had last night, it was learned from sources considered reliable that Whitlock emptied the contents of a Smith and Wesson special 8-shot revolver at Robertson, but that only one bullet took effect. This striking the latter just above his left hip, Robertson is

ever expected the plan of subbing a match against a piece of sandpaper.

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